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Promptness Prize----1942 Walking Liberty Half
 Grand Prize---Gold 2 1/2 Peso

1883-0---Morgan Silver Dollar

Hemenway & Moser---G/F 12 1/2 cents-----	Ogden, Ut-----	LR 5--\$14-24
Fillmore Social Club---G/F 5 cents-----	Fillmore, Ut-----	HR 2--\$7-14
Golden Gate Beer Garden---G/F 1-glass of beer----	SLC, Ut-----	LR 1--\$10-20
Billington Bros Pool Hall---G/F 5 cents-----	Magna, Ut-----	LR 2--\$7-18
Gaisfords Bar---G/F 1-drink or cigar-----	Fillmore City, Ut---	LR 1--\$8-16
Nephi Merc---G/F 5 cents-----	Nephi, Ut-----	HR 1--\$8-16
Pauls Place---G/F 5 cents-----	Eureka, Ut-----	LR 2--\$12-24
Harrop & Aadneson---G/F 5 cents-----	Ogden, Ut-----	LR 3--\$10-18
P.M. Payne---G/F 1-drink or cigar-----	Fillmore, Ut-----	HR 1--\$12-20
Doren Weed Co---G/F 12 1/2 cents-----	SLC, Ut-----	HR 2--\$10-18
Julie's---G/F 25 cents-----	Grantsville, Ut-----	HR 1--\$8-16
Heber Merc---G/F 10 cents-----	Heber, Ut-----	LR 4--\$12-25
Bouquet Cigar Store---G/F 25 cents-----	Boise, Idaho-----	



WAGON MASTERS REPORT

By Bruce Dugger

We had 64 entries in the F.O.M. There were really some great things found this last month. It doesn't look like this hot/dry spell has been keeping nuts members home under the old air conditioner. It was nice to see a good turn-out for the Club Picnic. The foods were great and all the company to visit with was fun. When you have a little time to just visit some pretty interesting stories get told. Well here's the 1st place winners for the F.O.M.

U.S. Coin-----	Bruce Dugger--1911-D Barber Dime
Foreign Coin-----	Bruce Dugger--Chinese Cash Coin
Token-----	Bruce Dugger--Social Bar G/F 5 cents SLC
Jewelry-----	Eric Hubbard--Silver Ring
Artifact-----	Jeral Smith--1860's Calvary Officers belt plate
Button-----	Bruce Dugger--2-girls sitting on a fence
Non-Metal-----	Bruce Dugger--4-color Akro Agate Corkscrew Marble & A Pelter Patch Marble
Peoples Choice Bottle-----	Two-Way Tie Between; Bruce Dugger--Smiths Certified Enamel Jeral Smith--Boschee's German Syrup
Most Valuable Bottle-----	Jeral Smith--SLC Coke (\$40.00)
Oldest U.S. Coin-----	Eric Hubbard--1853 Seated Liberty Dime
Oldest U.S. Cent-----	Jeral Smith--1895 Indian Head
Most Valuable U.S. Coin-----	Jeral Smith--1921-D Merc. Dime



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ACTING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bill Turpela

Well, last month was the Club picnic, and we had a good turn out. As always, there were some neat finds of the month. But as I'm writing this, I'm wondering: "where did the summer go?"

I've been on the go everyday. Most of it is fun, but, as usual for the past 3 years, I've had to deal with my ex-spouse. I want to be like everyone else and just have a normal month!

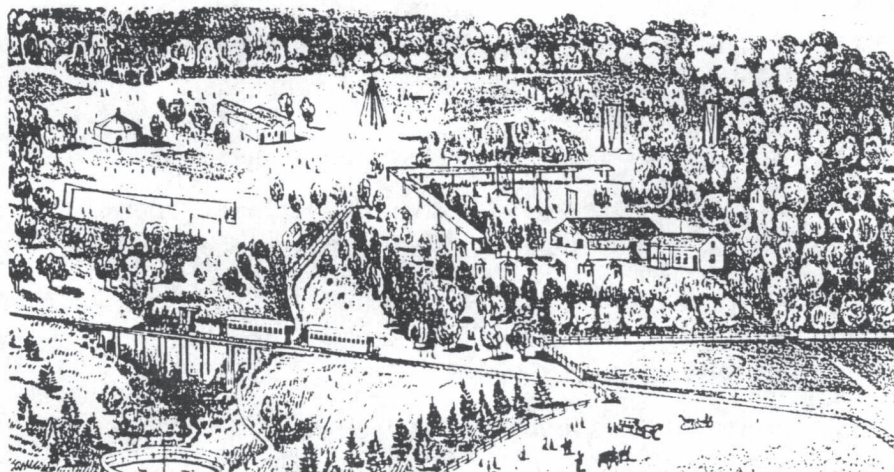
The speaker for this month's meeting is a real good friend of mine and yours -- Doug Wright (yes, that Doug Wright from Channel 5). I've been waiting to see his fine collection from the Tintic area. I saw his collection years ago and then a portion of it during the last Eureka Days. A lot of us have detected and dug in this area, so come see and enjoy as always.

Next on my notes is the Club's two outings -- that's right, two outings. The first one is at Cumberland Wyoming (see the *Token Hunter* for directions). There are a lot of neat places in the area, so it should be

fun. The road is not bad (even my red car can make it) unless it rains or snows. Our Club's wagon master (Bruce "the Goose" Duggar) will be out hunting (except this time it he is hunting for elk rather than tokens), so he will not be there. I have a toy show in the morning, but if you are going to go, let me know at the meeting, and I'll do my best to be up there. I went up there on September 7th to check it out. I found a few things that I will bring to the meeting but no tokens -- darn!

The second outing is one I'm really looking forward to. Bob Campbell has gone to a lot of work to make it possible for Club members to get into Lagoon for free to see David Freed's token and dog-tag collection. We've all heard a lot about this collection, and now is our chance to see it without cost. As you all know, I'm token **CRAZY**, so I'm really looking forward to this outing. Look for more details in the newsletter.

See you at the meeting if not before.



MYSTERY PHOTO

THESE "PLEASURE GARDENS" WERE LOCATED BETWEEN 4TH AND 5TH SOUTH AND 10TH AND 11TH EAST. DO YOU KNOW THE NAME?

CLUB FIELD TRIP TO LAGOON MUSEUM

The National Utah Token Society will have a special field trip to Lagoon's Pioneer Village Museum. This will take place on **Monday, October 14, 1996, at 6:30 p.m.** On display in Pioneer Village is Mr. David L. Freed's magnificent token collection. Mr. Freed has collected many different areas of trade tokens throughout his lifetime, to include: Utah, Wyoming, Idaho by towns, and also saloons, dairies, Indian traders, transportation, and Dog Tags. Mr. Freed will speak for about 30 minutes on his token collection and how he got started. Following his talk, there will be a question and answer period.



I know all N.U.T.S. members will want to attend this meeting and view one of the most recognized token collections in Utah. Lagoon will be closed at this time, and club members will need to meet by the employee entrance at the guard station just north of the regular entrance. A guard or curator will escort members to the museum where the collection is currently on display. If there is inclement weather, everyone will meet in the Chapel of Pioneer Village.



TREASURE HUNTING STATISTICS

In his book *The Urban Treasure Hunter*, Michael Chaplan compiled the following statistics regarding coin-finding ratios. Obviously, these are only averages based on Mr. Chaplan's results, but I think they provide a general idea of what TH'ers can reasonably expect. Furthermore, if your searches are limited to heavily hunted but still active areas (like old parks), I am sure the ratio of silver coins is substantially lower. On the other hand, those of you who search previously undetected areas probably find more silver than suggested below. Do any members keep statistics of their finds? If so, how about sharing them with the rest of the Club? Anomalous results (like Bruce Dugger's and Jeral Smith's find ratios) will only serve to depress the rest of us and, therefore, will be excluded from consideration.

Rings	For every 190 coins found, you will find 1 ring.
Pennies	For every 100 coins found, 74 will be pennies. Of these 74 pennies, 19 will be wheaties assuming you are hunting in an area where wheat pennies were lost.
Nickels	For every 100 coins found, 4.7 will be nickels. It is not known if this low number is a result of fewer nickels in circulation or whether TH'ers are simply missing nickels because of discrimination settings.
Dimes	For every 100 coins found, 13.9 will be dimes.
Quarters	For every 100 coins found, 7.3 will be quarters.
Half-Dollars	For every 100 coins found, 1 will be a half-dollar.
Silver Coins	Out of every 22 coins found, 1 will be silver (assuming you are in an area where silver coins are present); for every 6 wheat cents found, you will find 1 silver coin.

LAST CLUB DIG FOR THIS YEAR CUMBERLAND WYOMING

The last Club dig for this year will be Oct. 5th & 6th at Cumberland Wyo. It was a very busy town during it's days and if you look at the enclosed map you will see several other Ghost towns within a few miles of Cumberland. Some of the other sites date back to the late 1800's. Bring water as there is none out there. A sign with "Carter" is where you turn to the East (right) off of highway 189 to Kemmerer. It's 21.5 miles to this turn off from the I-80 Freeway exit and only another 14 miles to Kemmerer if you want to check into a Motel. After the turn to Carter has been made, then take your first dirt road on your left heading North. Go about 1/2 mile and you come to a large flat area on your left, look close--you'll be at Cumberland (you can see highway 189 from here) I won't be there this trip as I'll be getting my Elk hunting camp set up. The Club President Bill Turpula said he will be there this trip and can guide you to some of the other site's if your interested. Please let Bill know if any of you NUTS members plan on going so he does not make a trip and nobody shows up except him. Please look at the enclosed map and Good Luck with the Hunt.

P.S. BILL WON'T BE
THERE UNTILL
SAT. AFTERNOON

Bruce Dugger
Wagon Master

Cumberland is another town that has disappeared. It was located about thirty miles from Kemmerer at the intersection of Muddy Gap and Dry Creek. The town was also situated on a branch line of the Oregon Short Line railroad running from Kemmerer. Like so many Wyoming coal mining settlements, Cumberland was owned by the Union Pacific.

Coal was detected in the area as early as 1840 by explorer John Fremont, but development did not occur until 1900.

At one time Cumberland boasted a population of about 1,800. The local mine produced 2,500 to 3,000 tons of coal daily.⁵³

The town had originally been called Camp Muddy, then Reliance, but the coal mines foreman thought Cumberland would be a

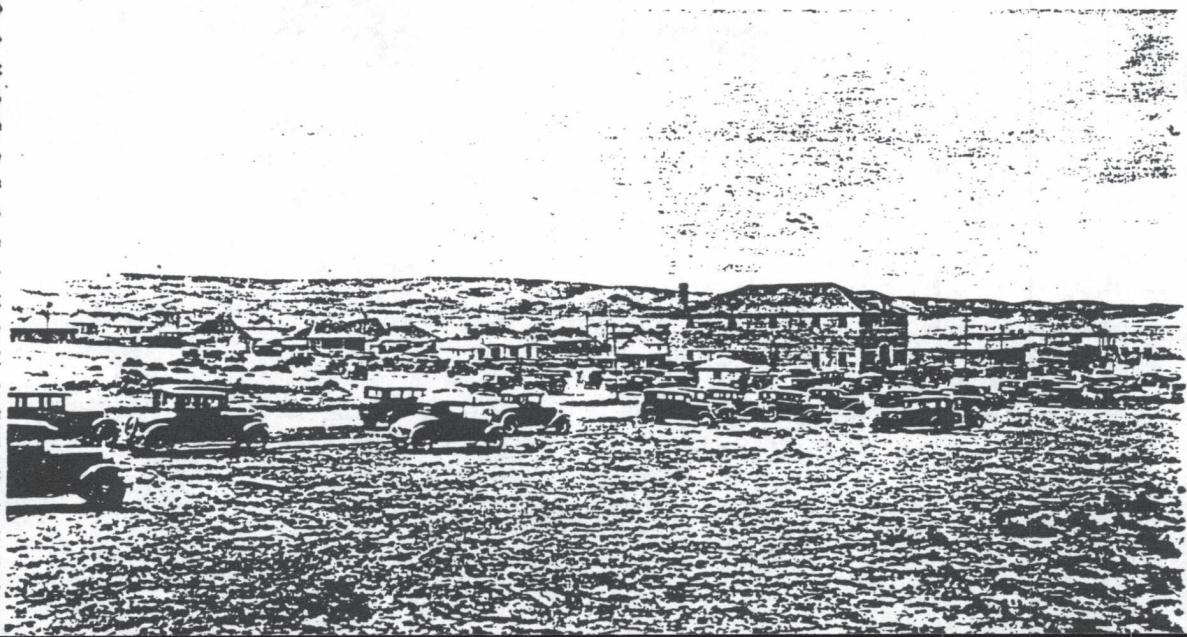
more appropriate monicker, in remembrance of his Blue Ridge birthplace.

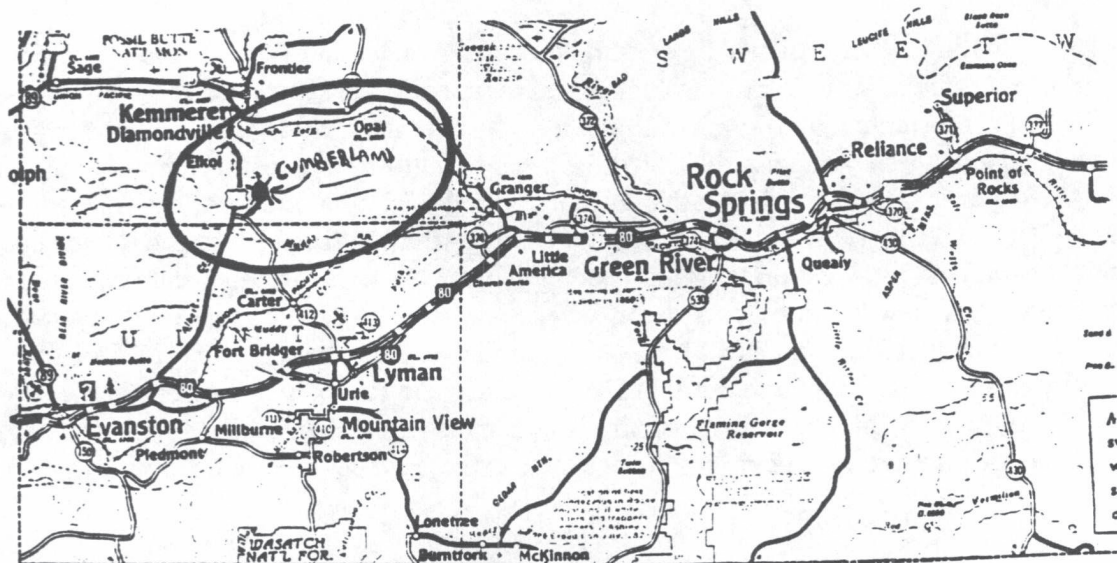
At one time a smallpox epidemic threatened the community. The mine foreman wrote: "We were advised that the only sure cure was good whiskey, applied liberally both internally and externally . . . The pile of whiskey requisitions written looked as though each patient took a daily bath in that delectable fluid, but as we came out without any serious results there were no regrets."⁵⁴

The requisitions for the whiskey generally read: "Please deliver to 'hospital' one gallon Old Hickory cured in wood, for bathing Swedes."⁵⁵

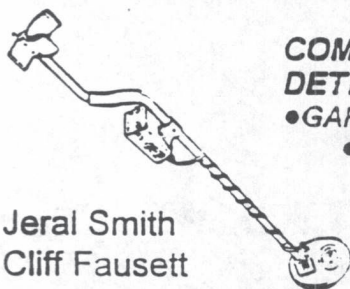
The town grew and prospered, then faltered and died in 1930.⁵⁶

Cumberland—Union Pacific Railroad Museum Collection





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AN ARCHEOLOGIST'S LAMENT (SANS APOLOGY)

An article in the UTAH HISTORICAL QUARTERLY makes the following comments about Donner Party artifacts left on Utah's Salt Flats:

Given the famously tragic end of the Donner party, it is not surprising that historians have told its story in the most minute detail and popular interest in it has always been high. It is also not surprising that knowledge of its abandoned equipment by the salt flats has led to a large number of impromptu salvage efforts. *By the time professional archaeologists directed their attention to the Donner sites in the fall of 1986, no fewer than thirteen recorded salvage expeditions had preceded them, as well as untold unrecorded ones, particularly since the development of all-terrain vehicles which make the travel on the boggy surface of the salt flats safe and easy. Much of the material removed wound up in the hands of souvenir hunters, and even that placed in museums had been excavated in an unprofessional manner and virtually all of its historical context destroyed. Records kept and artifacts recovered by the project are being preserved by the Antiquities Section, Utah State Historical Society.*

Gary Topping, *Overland Immigration, The California Trail, And The Hastings Cutoff*, UTAH HISTORICAL QUARTERLY, Spring 1988 (emphasis added).

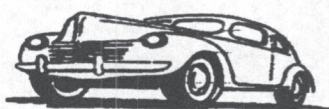
Surprisingly, the article concedes that it took archaeologists 140 years to finally direct their attention to the Donner sites. In my opinion, this constitutes an admission by archaeologists that either the Donner sites were not historically important enough to merit their "professional" attention sooner or that archaeologists were negligent in their duty to timely excavate and "preserve" these artifacts. Both conclusions are neither complimentary nor flattering to archaeologists who seem to spare no expense or effort to pass legislation locking out citizens from

"public lands" and making these sites their own private hunting preserves but who will not lift a finger, unless generously funded by our tax dollars, to remove artifacts from the corrosive effects of sun, wind, and sand.

The article is also derogatory and arrogant in its attitude towards so-called "souvenir hunters." Yet, it was the amateur archeologists who first recognized and appreciated the historical significance of these sites. It was also such individuals, who, through their own efforts and funding, took the initiative and bore the very real financial and physical risks to locate these sites and recover artifacts some *fifty years* before archaeologists decided to "direct their attention" to the Donner party artifacts.

Finally, I am sure we can all sleep better knowing that the remaining Donner Party/Salt Flat artifacts are safely but inaccessibly stored by the Antiquities Section of the Utah State Historical Society. As a tax-paying citizen who funded the recovery and preservation of these artifacts, just try to get a look at them. At least some of the items recovered by the amateur archeologists are available for viewing and inspection by the public in private museums (for example, the small museum in Grantsville has some interesting Donner Party artifacts). Furthermore, I see little practical difference between the private collections of individuals and the private collection of the Utah State Historical Society. Both serve to preserve artifacts and both are essentially inaccessible to the public.

The point is, since archeologists only direct their attention to "funded" historical sites, and since there will never be enough money to fund the excavation of all historically significant sites, the burden of preserving our heritage will continue to rest upon the individual who's passion for the past, rather than financial resources, motivates him to seek out and recover historical artifacts before they become only a rusty spot in the earth or before they are forever covered by concrete, tarmac and buildings.



TREASURE HUNTER LICENSE PLATES

Utah offers personalized license plates where you can use up to seven characters to spell out creative ways of identifying yourself, your hobby, or your personal philosophy. The following are suggestions for treasure hunters looking to promote their sport. Many of these would probably only be understood by a fellow TH'r. Remember that ".925" is stamped on most sterling silver, and, for those of you who slept through high school chemistry, the following symbols are used by the Periodic Table of Elements: gold = "Au"; silver = "Ag"; copper = "Cu."

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| 20. CACHE | 40. PEACE \$ | 60. BIGBUD |

THE DONNER PARTY'S PATH THROUGH THE SALT LAKE VALLEY

One hundred and fifty years ago on August 22, the Donner-Reed Party entered the Salt Lake Valley after a difficult and time-consuming traverse over Big Mountain and down through Emigration Canyon. Indeed, many scholars believe that it was the Donner Party's delay in the Wasatch Mountains that ultimately led to the tragedy in the Sierra Nevada's.

The recently published book *TRAILING THE PIONEERS -- A GUIDE TO UTAH'S EMIGRANT TRAILS*, edited by Peter H. DeLafosse, describes the Donner Party's path through the Salt Lake Valley:

"From the mouth of Emigration Canyon the Donner party took a course southwest to the crossing of the Jordan River in the vicinity of 2700 South Street. From there they went nearly west a short distance south of 2100 South Street to where they joined the tracks of the Harlan-Young party in the vicinity of the Magna Junction on 2100 South Street. Hastings and the Harlan-Young party had apparently crossed the Jordan River about where North Temple Street now crosses it and had

followed a southwest course across the valley. Thus, in going west from Salt Lake City, you may take either I-80 or 2100 South, and let your imagination visualize the terrain over which the pioneers traveled in reaching the south shore of Great Salt Lake, near Black Rock at Lake Point Junction." *Id.* at 76-77.

It is a poignant historical irony that, after six months of travel and covering hundreds of miles, an early snow storm stopped the Donner Party literally within two to three hours of clearing the last mountain pass that would have lead them down the western slope of the Sierras to the warmth and safety of Sutter's Fort. Instead, the Donner Party spent six months of misery, cold, and desperate hunger around present day Donner Lake.

These tragic events caused Virginia Reed, a girl of twelve at the time of the ordeal, to subsequently offer the following counsel to her cousin in Illinois: "Never take no cutoffs and hurry along as fast as you can." This admonition, written in 1847, is still good advice today.

